

Dear W.C.,

I live with my husband and our two children. My husband began struggling with health issues and then both our children became chronically ill. When we began searching for answers, we discovered the home we were renting had some toxic mold and other hazards that were making us sick. We both missed many days of work due to either being sick ourselves or our kids being sick. We moved into a motel and almost immediately we all began to feel better. My husband is still being treated and is just returning to work. The problem we are having is we do not have the funds to pay for a motel until our landlord can remediate the home. He is refusing to refund our rent, and we are down to our last dime. Tomorrow, we have no choice but to move into our car until we can find and afford a safer place to live. Returning to that house is not an option. Would you be able to help us with the cost of a motel room for a week or two to give us time to figure out how we are going to move on from this? Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

Dear Readers,

When I first contacted this family, I found they were already living out of their car. Their two nearly teen boys were staying with an aunt temporarily, but it was not a long-term solution.

We arranged to meet in the parking lot of a local church, where I could sit down with both parents after work and listen to their story. I came prepared with a bag of non-perishable food, gift cards for food, gas and daily necessities, and a plan for immediate shelter in a local motel until we found something more permanent.

The parents were humble and deeply embarrassed as they explained how they had fallen into unexpected homelessness. They had never experienced anything close to this in the past and did not know how to get out of the situation they were enduring. The mother cried tears of shame as she described her boys struggles, growing sick in their rental home, and their first night sleeping in a car ending in tears, using a public restroom to stay clean and clinging to each other all night.

After several calls to their landlord, I had them released from their lease and secured the return of their security deposit. Several weeks were spent safely in the motel as we searched for a suitable rental for their family. During that time their health improved and both parents were able to return to work full time.

When a suitable rental was found, we joined together to provide the security deposit, first month's rent, new beds, and household items to replace what had been lost due to the toxic mold in their previous home. With this assistance we removed their shame and restored their health, providing a hopeful and healthy new beginning.

Right now, you have the unique opportunity to make your generosity go twice as far. Through the Ava Gable Memorial \$25,000 Matching Grant, every dollar you give will be matched, dollar for dollar, doubling the impact of your gift. This is a wonderful opportunity to make your kindness stretch even further in our mission to help our fellow creations find relief during their most difficult times.

Thank you and God bless you for the incredible difference you have made and continue to make in the lives of those turning to The Time is Now to Help during their time of need.

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Prayer Chain: The power of prayer and positive thoughts comes from the true healer, our Lord answering our prayers. Please pray for healing for the following people: Trae, Bill, Brian, Mike, Sylvia, Megan, Kayla, Maria C., Judy, Scott, Annie, Marilyn, Brandon, Helen, Dennis, Mary, Joseph, Jordan, Jean, Tom L., Dr. Peter, Matthew, Pam E., Jenene B., John S., Patricia H., Wendy, Eric, Anthony, Mary, Charlie, Tom P., Christina, Billy, Mike, Cheryl, Bryan E., Betty, Ellie, Concetta, Cheryl, Kirubel M., Wanda L., Joan, Bruce, and Andy.

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